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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand continued light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with the heavier sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient to at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for the larger sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate, best for feature activity. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for the balance. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light for the ample offerings with continued discounting noted on graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks were easily adequate to ample. Schedules generally full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	40-50	41-47	LARGE	22-31	26
LARGE	39-49	40-43	MEDIUM	17-21	19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on larger sizes, but unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady and testing at present levels. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times ample with the heavier weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	50-53
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate, best for feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for the light weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light for the ample offerings with continued discounting noted on graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks were easily adequate to ample. Schedules generally full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	45.5-54	47-50
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to instances ample. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal. Light type hens were usually sufficient to at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-62.25	50-53
LARGE	47-60.25	48-51
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times ample with the larger sizes in the longest position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	49-53
LARGE	46-55	47-49
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, 8-9 cents lower on extra large, 8 cents lower on large, and unchanged on mediums. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last week with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 8 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last week. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 58.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	103
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	299-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	279-299
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	249-289
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	199-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 14, 2005 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 07, 2005 were 212,081 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	170,785	41,296	212,081

% change from the

prior week.....	-5	-1	-5
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light with offerings ample with continued discounting noted on graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks were easily adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-31	28-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-16.25 CENTS/LB.	11.75-14	12.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally about fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate to least adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 10, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.5	16.7	5.1	14.5	61.2
	Change	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.7	63.3	13.6	29.0	180.3
	Change	-2.4	1.6	-0.5	-3.4	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	62.9	192.0	58.5	99.2	518.9
	Change	-4.5	-31.7	-5.7	-6.7	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.7	52.1	18.8	22.7	132.5
	Change	-3.5	-3.9	4.2	-0.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	7.5	4.3	2.4	21.0
	Change	-1.9	-0.3	1.9	-3.1	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	32.0	12.9	13.4	67.1
	Change	0.0	6.8	-0.2	-1.8	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	45.7	29.5	40.8	170.7
	Change	-1.0	1.3	-9.9	1.7	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	149.8	409.3	142.7	222.0	1151.7
Percent	Change	-8%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-5%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1151.7	-5%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	252.7	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1404.4	-3%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 7 and OCTOBER 10, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							17.25		FUTURE LOADS							12.25		TOTAL LOADS							29.50	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	28.50	—	—	31.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62.00							.25		
GL W XL	—	—	40.25	42.00	34.25	—	15.00	GL W XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47.86							4.50		
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	3.25	GL W LG	36.00	35.00	—	—	—	36.00	40.23	5.25										
GL W MD	—	—	22.00	24.50	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	29.60	—	30.00	—	—	—	34.33	2.25										
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	17.00	—	1.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	31.00	33.00	—	—	1.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/04/05-10/10/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
83.75								92.00								175.75							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	29.33	—		33.00	34.00	—	—	12.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.25	7.00							
GNR W 3	—	25.00		—	—	19.58	—	1.00	GL W J	57.00	—	—	—	—	59.63	.50							
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	35.31	40.71	—	—	—	46.71	24.75							
GL W J	—	—		56.00	58.00	—	—	1.25	GL W LG	34.83	37.24	—	49.00	36.00	42.30	15.75							
GL W XL	—	40.33		41.57	43.41	32.71	35.00	60.00	GL W MD	26.67	—	30.00	—	—	32.13	4.75							
GL W LG	—	—		—	35.50	28.33	29.00	10.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	26.50	2.00							
GL W MD	33.00	—		27.17	29.07	19.00	17.00	8.50															
GL W SM	24.08	25.85		23.50	25.00	16.50	16.00	7.25															
GL BR SM	—	—		20.00	23.00	—	—	1.00															
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	37.00	33.50	45.00															
NRBS - 45	—	—		31.00	35.00	—	—	2.00															
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—	—	26.00	14.00															
NRBS - 39	—	21.00		—	—	18.00	21.00	13.00															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/03/05	09/26/05	10/04/04
PACIFIC COAST	141	141	127
LOS ANGELES	137	137	96

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	67.86
LARGE	64.86
MEDIUM	54.86
SMALL	35.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS 10/10/05

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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